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SUMMARY: FONOFF OFFICIALS, AFTER ENLARGING UPON FONOFF' S DIS-SATISFACTIONS WITH UNDP, INDICATE GOJ WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER DIRECT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND EARMARKING OF CONTRIBUTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF MADE PRESENTATION DEPARTMENT' S VIEWS ON DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO FAO AND UNIDO TO ONDA, HEAD, SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIV.; SEO, HEAD, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIV.; AND TANAKA, DEPUTY HEAD, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DIV., UN BUREAU, FONOFF, ALL OF WHOM INVOLVED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WITH MATTER. IN RESPECT TECHNICAL

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ASSISTANCE CONTRIBUTIONS, FONOFF NOTES THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE MAKING SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS WHEREAS GOJ HAS NOT DONE SO. IN ADDITION, IN INSTANCE FAO, BOERMA HAD MADE DIRECT REQUEST TO GOJ. FINALLY, FONOFF DISSATISFIED WITH UNDP OR GROUNDS OF ITS PERFORMANCE, ITS LACK OF UTILIZATION JAPANESE EXPERTS AND CONSULHING FIRMS, AND LACK OF JAPANESE REPRESENTATION IN UNDP STAFF. DISCUSSION CARRIED IMPLICATION THAT JAPANESE VIEW UNDP AS ANGLO- AMERICAN DOMINATED IN ALALLOWANCE, HALF OF WHICH CONTRIBUTED BY
GOVERNMENT AND HALF BY EMPLOYER. 2) INDUSTRIES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL BE INSTRUCTED EXAMINE PRESENT EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AND DETERMINE HOW MANY VACANCIES FOR NDVP VOLUNTEERS EXIST. (QAMRUL ISLAM EMPHASIZED THAT IF INDUSTRY DID NOT REPORT " ADEQUATE" VACANCIES, GOP INSPECTORS EMPOWERED MAKE REEXAMINATION AND ARBITRARILY ALLOCATE VOLUNTEER POSITIONS. 3) BASED ON VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS, WHICH TO BE PROCESSED BY COM-PUTER, GOP WILL OFFER QUALIFIED VOLUNTEERS TO INDUSTRIES REPORTING VACANCIES. ALTHOUGH NOT REPORTED IN PRESS, QAMRUL ISLAM AT THIS POINT IN HIS PRESENTATION MENTIONED PENALTIES FOR NON- COMPLIANCE BY INDUSTRY WOULD ONLY BE MODEST -- PAYMENT OF TWO YEARS WAGES TO VOLUNTEER NOT EMPLOYED AFTER GOP DETERMINED WAS QUALIFIED FOR FIRST " OFFENSE", AND FINE OF RS. 10,000 FOR SECOND " OFFENSE".

2. DURING PRESENTATION ISLAM SPOKE WITH USUAL BREVITY, AUTHORITY AND PRECISION. EMPHASIZED " ENLIGHTENED SELF-INTEREST" OF INDUSTRIAL LEADERS IN COOPERATION TO MAKE NDVP A SUCCESS. HE SAID UNEMPLOYMENT A MAJOR PROBLEM IN PAKISTAN AS WELL AS IN ALL LDC' S BUT THAT GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED CONCENTRATE PRESENT EFFORTS ON EMPLOYMENT OF TECHNICALLY EDUCATED SINCE THIS WOULD OVER LONG TERM " REINVIGORATE" INDUSTRY WITH WORKERS MORE QUALIFIED TO LEAD WORKING FORCE TO NEW LEVELS OF EFFICIENCY.

3. ALTHOUGH QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS OF BUSINESSMEN FOLLOWING ISLAM' S PRESENTATION SEEMED LARGELY SKEPTICAL, CONSENSUS OF BUSINESS SECTOR BOILED DOWN TO " WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE. SOME EMPLOYERS QUESTIONED WHETHER PLACE-MENT EDUCATED VOLUNTEERS IN RANKS OF UNEDUCATED WORKERS WOULD BE PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE TO EITHER SIDE. OTHERS QUESTIONED WHETHER EDUCATED UNEMPLOYED WOULD EFFICIENTLY PERFORM MANUAL FACTORY WORK.

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4. ALTHOUGH GOP MAY RECEIVE GOOD MARKS FOR LAUNCHING PROGRAM FOR BETTER UTILIZATION IMPORTANT SEGMENT

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PAKISTANI UNEMPLOYED (WHICH VERY ROUGHLY ESTIMATED BY ISLAM AT 20,000 OR SOME 25 PERCENT OF TECHNICAL AND SCIENCE GRADUATES) REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT RESPONSE WILL BE TO CALL FOR NDVP VOLUNTEERS, WHO MUST WORK FOR YEAR AS APPRENTICAS AT AROUND RS. 200 PER MONTH BEFORE QUALI-FICATION FOR JOB, WHICH COULD BE PERCEIVED BY MANY AS DROP IN SOCIAL STANDING. ALSO REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW VOLUNTEERS, WHEN THEY COME FORWARD, WILL BE ACCEPTED IN INDUSTRY.

5. PROBLEM LARGE NUMBAR UNEMPLOYED TECHNICIANS AND SCIENTISTS WOULD ALSO APPEAR POINT UP MISORIENTATION OF AT LEAST SOME ASPECTS PRESENT PAKISTANI EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WHICH PUTS PREMIUM ON ADVANCED DEGREES OF DOUBTFUL UTILITY AND WHICH NOT NOW GEARED TO CATER TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF LABOR MARKET. LARGE INPUT OF COUNTRY' S RESOURCES WOULD SEEM TO HAVE BEEN EXPENDED ON SUCH ADVANCED EDUCATION WITHOUT COMMENSURATE RETURN.
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